

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action of June 27, 2007.

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 were rejected in the Office Action. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-2 and 5-6, added new Claims 7-12 and respectfully requests a reconsideration of the rejections.

Specification

The specification of the present Application was objected to because of multiple informalities. A substitute specification is enclosed. It was prepared by the Applicant. No new matter was added. This was confirmed through review by the Applicant's attorneys.

Further, the Abstract of the disclosure was also objected to. Applicant has revised the Abstract. The revised Abstract is believed to comply with the requirements of MPEP 608.01(b).

Claim Objections and Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 were objected to as including multiple informalities. Claims 1-2 and 5-6 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-2 and 5-6 and added new Claims 7-12. New Claims 7-12 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eberhard (U.S. Patent No. 290,759). Applicant has canceled Claims 1-2, added new independent Claim 7 and respectfully submit that Claim 7 is allowable over the cited prior art.

Claim 7 recites an inner rolling platform in combination with a container. The container includes a receptacle (7) and a lower convex base portion (8) located inside the receptacle. The inner rolling platform includes a cylindrical base (4) having a circular crown (3), an inclined circular area (6) and a central circular hole (5). The inclination angle of the lower convex base portion (8) of the container is substantially identical to the inclination angle of the inclined circular area (6). Further, the width of the inclined circular area (6), i.e., the distance between the inner diameter (c) and the outer diameter (b), is at least 12% of the outer diameter (b) of the inclined circular area. As shown in Fig. 1, the diameter (b) is also a diameter of the central circular hole (5). As recited in the new Claim 7, the dimension of the diameter (b) is at least half

the dimension of the maximum operative diameter (d) of the cylindrical base. This maximum operative diameter (d), in turn, is 10% less than an inner diameter of the supporting peripheral ring of the receptacle (7). The above configuration of the inner platform and the container allow the platform to be installed under the container and removed from the container by simply tilting the container and without lifting the container off the ground.

Eberhard does not disclose the combination recited in new Claim 7. Specifically, the platform of Eberhard does not include an inclined circular area having an inclination angle, which is substantially identical to the inclination angle of the lower convex base portion of the container, and also having a width which is at least 12% of its outer diameter. Further, Eberhard does not disclose or suggest the relationship between the diameter of the central hole of the platform and the maximum operative diameter of the entire platform, where the diameter of the central hole is at least half the maximum operative diameter. Finally, Eberhard does not disclose or suggest that the maximum operative diameter of the platform is 10% less than an inner diameter of the supporting peripheral ring of the container's receptacle.

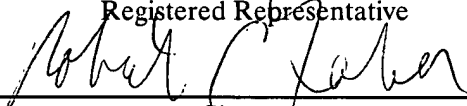
Accordingly, Claim 7 is allowable over the cited prior art. Moreover, Claims 8-12 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 7 and, therefore, are allowable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 7 and, further, on their own merits.

Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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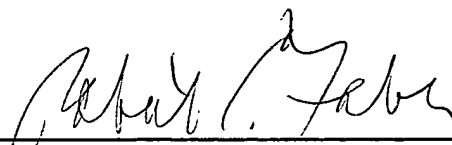
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